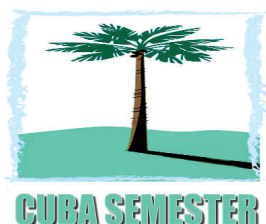


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Proposed recreation center sparks discussion

By **MICHELLE CONTY**
Coordinating Editor

As colleges and universities scramble to keep up with trends and attract students, what once was considered excess is now considered necessary.

A student recreation center has been on the back burner since Student Senate brought up the idea and conducted a survey in 2000.

The preparation for a student recre-

ation center is in conjunction with the kick-off of Southern's first Capital Campaign.

"The process has been going on for quite sometime," said University President Julio León.

"Usually with a capital campaign you have a silent phase, when you get a percentage raised, then you have a public phase."

The goal of the Campaign is to raise \$7.6 million to "enhance the international mission, further faculty develop-

ment, increase scholarships, and bring state-of-the-art technology equipment to the TV/radio studios as well as enhance the athletic facilities," León said.

"Close to \$3 million dollars has already been pledged," he said.

"I have lived here for 47 years," said Larry Hickey, honorary chairman for the capital campaign steering committee. "I have watched Missouri Southern grow and train the young people and not so young people for

them to have a better chance to succeed."

This is a fantastic project for the students, university and community, he said.

The Request for Proposal Committee for the student recreation center met with architects in a preliminary meeting Oct. 2.

"We had seven firms attend," said Dr. Terri Agee, vice president for business affairs. "We were pleased with the turn out. People flew in for the opportunity."

The goal of the committee is to build a student center that will promote the recruitment and retention of students.

"We want a whole lot of student input," Agee said.

"It will be designed for the students, with them in mind. We want to get as close as we can to meeting their needs."

Students are encouraged to contact Senate with any ideas or suggestions

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SWEET VICTORY!



Andy Tevis/The Chart

Senior Amy Little celebrates a victory over Pittsburg State with sophomore Kym Mutert. For results of the Oct. 7 volleyball game, see Page 12.

Homecoming display stolen from campus

By **MANDI STEELE**
Managing Editor

Koinonia is looking for three bulldogs and a lion.

Not actual animals, but on the evening of Oct. 5, most of Koinonia's Homecoming display was stolen.

A few bales of hay and a sign that read "Round Up the Bulldogs" were all that was left of Koinonia's display on the morning of Oct. 6.

Five members of Koinonia stayed up until 10:30 p.m. on Oct. 5 finishing their display. When Daniel Horner, junior health promotion and wellness major, went by the display the next morning, he noticed that the cut-out of a lion roping three bulldogs he had helped make the night before was gone. He contacted Julie Blackford, director of student activities, who then called campus security.

"I don't know why anyone would steal it," Blackford said.

Horner said when he first saw that the display had been taken, he was really angry.

"I was so mad at first," Horner said.

But, Horner and the other Koinonia members decided not to let it get to them and redid the display Oct. 6. Ten additional people helped the original five designers, and from 6:30 p.m. until midnight, they worked on the display until it was finished.

"I'm glad that everyone pulled together and put forth an effort last night so we could get the display back up," said Eric Ducommun, sophomore physics major and president of Koinonia.

He said he has no idea why the display was stolen or who took it. Ducommun said it may have been another organization or somebody just stealing it for kicks.

"Either way, it's pretty disappointing," he said.

Blackford said not all the 11 organizations with displays were questioned, but because of rumors, the Greeks were asked about the incident. She said after questioning the Greeks, she doesn't think they had anything to do with it.

Horner said he believes it was another organization that took the display, but he doesn't know which one.

"I think it's really immature," he said.

Horner thinks some organization must have stolen it for competitive reasons. Koinonia had to spend twice the time on its display, but also twice the money.

Blackford said if Koinonia hadn't redone its display, she would have allowed its display to be judged by a photo that was taken of the original display.



Julie Blackford
Director of Student Activities

Brandon's World

Student says despite being blind, life is still precious every day

By **JERRY MANTER**
Editor-in-Chief

As Brandon Miller walked across the stage at his graduation ceremony, friends and family erupted in a loud roar, cheering the Carthage High School senior on.

The walk was slow, but steady.

"I walked the stage, got my diploma, shook the guy's hand and smiled to the audience," Brandon said. "I did it all by myself."

Brandon walked over to his family and gave everyone hugs and kisses.

Graduation for Brandon Miller was his awakening. He made it to the day where all the strange looks, odd questions and whispers were forgotten.

All the pain and frustration was finally just a long-lost memory.

People could see that he was Brandon Miller.

"They saw me for me and not just a blind boy,"

Brandon said. "And, I was happy for that."

A Stand-up Guy

Brandon Miller stands out in any crowd. He's not just an average freshman at Missouri Southern. He's blind, but all of his friends and family can't say enough about the 18-year-old who can always brighten a room and make almost anyone smile.

He was never supposed to live a normal life. He was never supposed to graduate from Carthage High School, either.

Doctors weren't even sure Brandon was going to survive when he was born three months premature.

"Doctors had me prepared for everything," said Brandon's mother, Cindy Miller. "They told me he might come out with no legs or arms."

Brandon was rushed to a Springfield hospital's neonatal care unit weighing in at 2.1 pounds. For three months, doctors and nurses watched Brandon make astounding improvement with every small breath he took.

It was still too early to understand any long-term effects of the premature birth.



Naoko Onoda/The Chart

Brandon practices his guitar at his home in Joplin. He has tried to live a normal life despite his handicap.

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WEEKEND OUTLOOK

SATURDAY



Partly
Cloudy

High: 75
Low: 53

SUNDAY



Sunny

High: 73
Low: 50

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This week's online poll:
What do you think of the Cuba Semester so far?



Senate funds trip to Vegas

By Nate Billings
International Editor

After three weeks of official business, the Student Senate started the Oct. 8 meeting with several new faces and many things to discuss.

The Senate opened the floor with announcements from the senators.

One announcement involved looking into speeders near the soccer field and lower level parking lots.

Sarah Seibert, middle school education major, said speed violators have been reaching 50 to 60 miles per hour in the area.

Zack Odem, senior accounting major and Senate president, said he would consider the proposal of asking security to look into the situation.

Next, the treasurer noted the Senate has \$18,000 left in funds for the year.

After the announcements were made, the Senate moved to old business.

The Sociology Club came to the floor requesting funds for a conference trip to Baton Rouge, La. The request had been tabled last week because the sponsor could not make the meeting.

The finance committee recommended the club receive \$652 instead of \$1,000 as the club had requested. The recommendation was based on the idea that the club members should at least pay for the deposit for the trip instead of having it completely paid for.

After some debate over the hard work the students put into fund-raisers and the need of the club, the Senate approved the allocation of the recommended amount and not the full \$1,000. The next organization to ask for an allocation was the Respiratory Club. The club also asked for \$1,000, but the finance committee recommended \$580 based on the need of the club and money already given to the club.

The club would use the money for a conference trip to Las Vegas.

The Senate approved the \$580 amount.

The next order of business involved a new resolution for the Senate's approval.

The resolution stated the Senate would set aside \$5,000 for the purchase of a new electronic sign for the campus. The money would stay aside until May 15, 2004, or until a contract or purchase is made concerning the sign.

"It (the sign) would replace the rented arrow boards and make a nice addition to the campus," Odem said.

He said that with any item, such as a new building or sign, one of the first arguments brought up is whether the item distracts from the beauty of the campus.

The Senate approved the new resolution and discussed the idea of other organizations matching or donating funds for the purchase of the sign.

"I'm really glad that Senate was supportive of the sign proposal," Odem said.

After the old business was over, new business came to the floor. Five vacancies were still available for students to fill in the Senate.

One senior senator had resigned before the meeting.

Three sophomores came to the meeting to fill the four sophomore vacancies and one senior came to fill the resigned seat.

"I thought it would be fun," said Jimmy Noriega, senior theatre and English major. "It's a great way to get involved on campus."

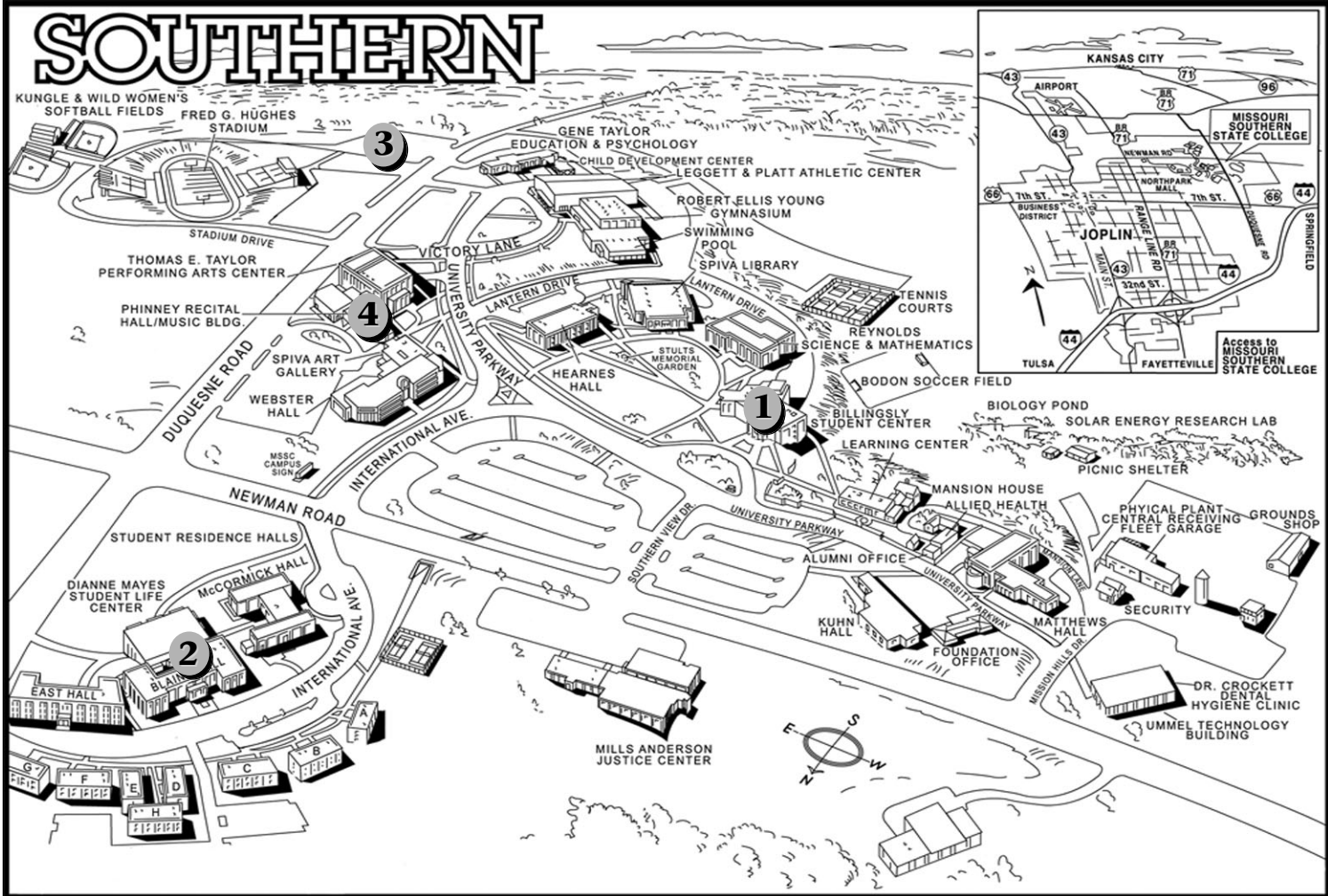
The Senate approved all of the prospective senators. One sophomore seat is open for any full-time student who wishes to fill the vacancy.

After all business was attended to, Odem addressed the senators about Homecoming.

"I encourage you to go at least to the game," he said.

Odem then reminded senators about Casino Night and the meeting was adjourned.

"It (the meeting) was positive from the standpoint of more discussion," Odem said.



Child finds wet porn behind stadium

1 Theft	2 Drug Law Violation	3 Found Items	4 Harassment
10/6/03	10/6/03	10/2/03	10/1/03
10:10 a.m.	8:45 a.m.	8:10 p.m.	11:12 p.m.
An officer was dispatched to Billingsly Student Center in reference to a theft. It was reported that Koinonia had set up its Homecoming display at 10 p.m. the previous night. At 9 a.m., three plywood bulldogs and a lion were missing from the display. The missing pieces were made of plywood. No suspects were named.	Security was called to Blaine Hall. An SA had smelled marijuana in the hallway. Upon investigation into a room, he found a marijuana roach in a make-shift ashtray. The Joplin Police Department was called to the scene, where they confiscated the roach. A pipe was also found at the scene. The suspect was placed in the custody of JPD.	An officer was notified that a child had found some "very graphic" pornographic material buried in a sand pile south of the stadium. Upon arrival, security observed two adult magazines, <i>Celebrity Skin</i> and <i>Hometown Girls</i> , buried in the sand. The magazines were wet and appeared to have been there for some time.	Security was called to the art department in reference to a possible problem with an ex-boyfriend. A student reported that her ex-boyfriend had threatened to come to campus and "make a scene" because he wanted the money from his Social Security check. The subject was seen driving by in a brown pickup, but he did not stop.

Campus Calendar

Classic Stevenson novel debuts in Southern's student theatre

The season continues at Southern's Theatre with the performance of T.R. Sullivan's *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*.

The play is directed by Brandon Painter, senior theatre major.

The play is based upon the book by Robert Louis Stevenson, which takes place in 1886 London.

The production is rated "G" for general audiences, and is open to anyone age 5 and up.

It will start at 7:30 p.m. and run from Oct. 15-18 in Taylor Auditorium.

For reservations or information, persons may call 625-3190.

Film festival hosts Russian film set in Moscow, minus sound

The international film festival will continue with a Russian silent film called *Bed and Sofa*.

The third film in the festival is directed by Abram Room and is about individual conflicts of love and marriage during a housing shortage of 1920s Moscow.

Tickets for the show are \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for senior citizens and students. Season tickets for the other films are \$10 for adults and \$7 for senior citizens and students.

The film will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Matthews Hall Auditorium.

Health center offers all campus flu shots, no appointments

The health center will be having a walk-in Flu Shot Clinic.

The event will be held Oct. 20 from 1-3 p.m., Oct. 21 from 9 a.m.-noon and Oct. 22 1-3 p.m.

The price for faculty and staff will be \$15 billed to their insurance company.

If the person does not have insurance, the amount will be due upon time of the shot.

Students can get their shots for \$5 and can be billed to the student account.

No appointments are necessary, but if a person cannot make it at the designated times, they can call for an appointment.

For information, persons may call 625-9323.

Cuban films include presentation by KU assistant professor

As part of the Cuban Film Festival, Dr. Tamara Falicov will be speaking twice Wednesday.

Falicov is an assistant professor in the Department of Theatre and Film/Latin American Studies at the University of Kansas.

She will be presenting *Tropical Reels: Cuban Cinema and Revolution from the 1960s to the Present* at 11 a.m.

The film will be shown in Webster Hall Auditorium.

The second time she speaks will be at 2 p.m. in the same location.

The film shown will be a 60-minute documentary called *Cuba Va: Challenge of the Next Generation*.

The documentary is directed by Gail Dolgin and Vicente Franco.

It takes a look through the eyes of Cuba's youth at the economic situation, government and political system of the country.

Students receive chance to win faculty spots for multiple days

Delta Epsilon Chi is hosting a drawing for two faculty parking spaces on campus. DEX members will be selling tickets for \$1 a piece and six for \$5 through Oct. 17. The drawing will be held at 5 p.m. the final day.

The drawing will be for the parking spaces of Dr. Brad Kleindl, dean of the school of business and Dr. Neal Blades, head of the marketing/management department.

Kleindl's spot will be available Oct. 20-24. Blades' will be open Oct. 27-31.

Winners of the drawing will be contacted by phone and/or e-mail.

Persons may call Casey Boyd at 674-2525 for information.

Free workshop in coffee lounge focuses on anxiety, relaxation

Test anxiety and "relaxation techniques" will be the topic of the free workshop in the coffee lounge of Spiva Library.

The event will be held from noon-2:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Cuban films offer range of topics from playboys to processions

The Cuban Film Festival will start Monday in Webster Hall, Room 105.

The festival will consist of nine films with topics ranging from a Cuban playboy to a comedy about a funeral procession and truck drivers.

All films are free to the public. The first film will be at 2 p.m. The last film will be shown Oct. 17.

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Terrorism receives class status

By JESSICA MACINTOSH

Online Editor

Journalists are not the only ones giving insight on international terrorism these days. Now a class on campus will do the same.

The criminal justice department created the International Terrorism class in fall 2002.

"It is a focus for criminal justice majors," said Richard Spencer, assistant professor of criminal justice.

To create a class at Missouri Southern, one must receive department approval first.

Then, it is on to academic policies, and finally the class must be approved at Faculty Senate.

"It is a lot of prep work," Spencer said.

Spencer said he had taken a class on international terrorism at Central Missouri State University, during which he came up with the idea for the class at Southern.

He has also traveled to Africa, France, Italy, Spain, Australia, Costa Rica, New Zealand and England with the international studies department.

He noticed, when traveling to other countries, that police effort was emphasized more in many other countries than in the United States.

"I noticed more security in other countries, especially in France, Italy and Spain," Spencer said.

In the class, students learn about the Patriot Act, search and seizure and the history of terrorism.

"We will look at security in other countries," Spencer said. "We will look at both sides of increased law enforcement verses the restrictions of civil liberties." Although the class involves looking at international issues, as of right now, the class will not be traveling to any countries.

Spencer said he would like to travel abroad with the class if the opportunity is made available.

"I love to travel," Spencer said. "It is a good experience for the students."

He said it is important that students understand international terrorism.

"There is potential for it (terrorism) to affect everyone and the economy," he said. "The magnitude could impact lives."

Robert Vice and Kishca Acevedo, senior criminal justice majors, said they like the class.

"It gives a new sense of what is taking place in society," Vice said.

"It makes you think," said John Tolly, junior criminal justice major.

Vice said the course taught him about the history of terrorism.

"There is no definition to terrorism," he said.

Vice believes the terrorism class is important to students.

"You look at the way things are changing and understand the world," Vice said.

"It is good to have an awareness of terrorism," Tolly said.

Acevedo said terrorism does not take place in just New York.

"It happens worldwide, not just in the United States," Acevedo said.

Spencer said he is not sure whether other classes will develop from International Terrorism.

"It is a fairly new class," he said.

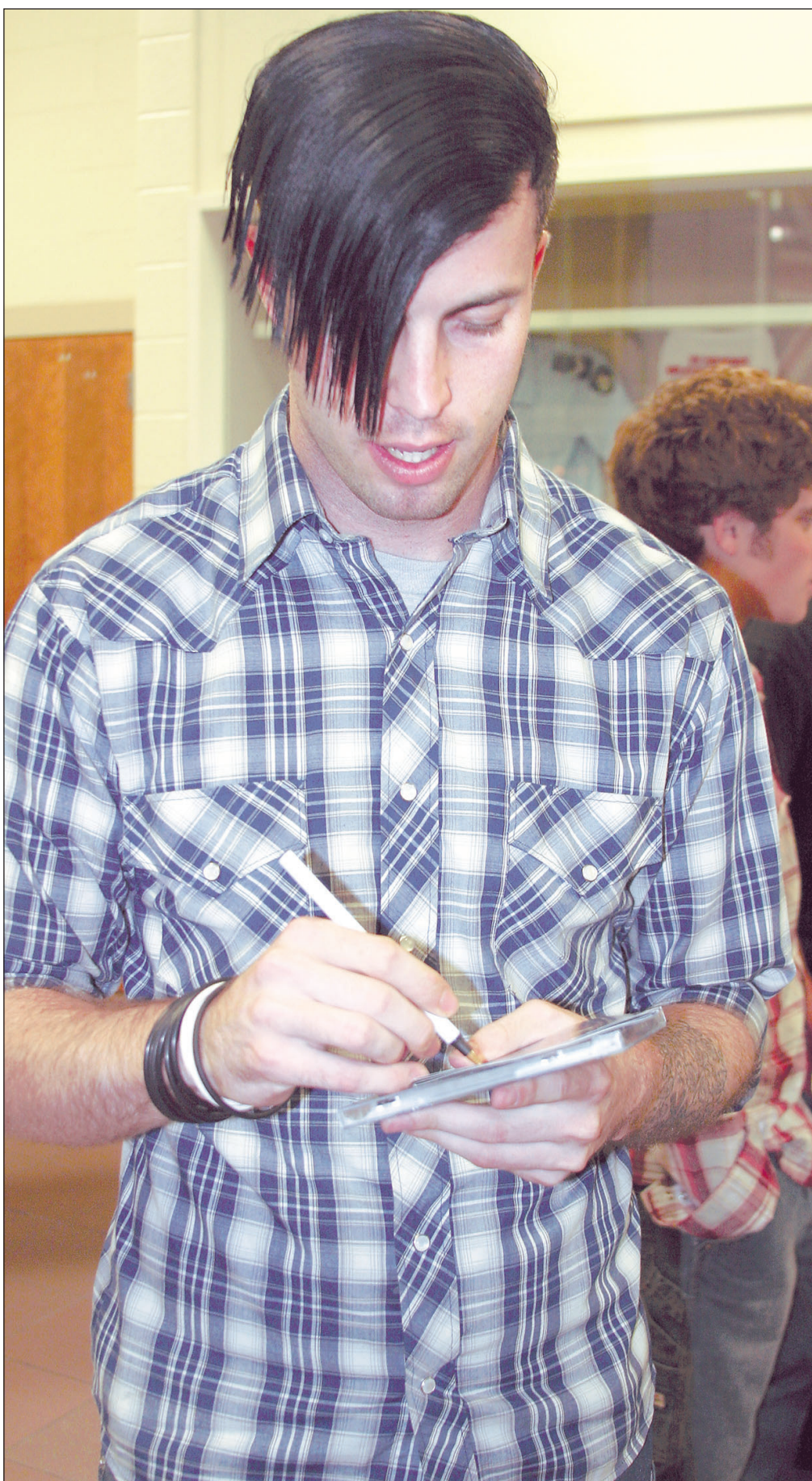
Spencer is the only instructor who teaches International Terrorism, and he said he enjoys teaching it.

"It's a challenge," he said. "You have to stay current with the changes, and the students have enjoyed it."

International Terrorism, which is writing intensive, is offered to any student who is a junior or senior.

There are no prerequisites for the upper level class, and it will be offered in the spring 2004 semester.

The class fulfills the Area 5 international cultural requirement for graduation.



Andy Tevis/The Chart

Andrew Schwab, lead singer of the band Project 86, signs an autograph for a fan after his spoken word performance Oct. 8 in the Justice Center Auditorium.

Singer rocks through words

ANJULIE BOBO

Staff Writer

Missouri Southern received a taste of rock 'n' roll, in a poetic fashion as Project 86 front man Andrew Schwab came to campus on his Do Not Disturb tour.

Schwab, lead signer of the Christian rock group, came to campus to read poetry excerpts from his book, *Do Not Disturb*.

The event, sponsored by Core Productions, a non-profit organization based out of Joplin, was held in the Criminal Justice Auditorium to an estimated crowd of 40.

"About three months ago we sent out an e-mail trying to find out what the rates to bring Project 86 in would be, and that is when Andrew contacted us actually saying he was going to be in the area on his Do Not Disturb tour, so it was kind of just a fluke deal," said Lori Wagahoff, publicity manager for Core Productions.

The night began with the lead signer of Crash Rickshaw and friend of Schwab, Joby Harris, speaking on his experiences as an artist.

After Harris spoke, Schwab read poems from his book, such as "Florida; I don't like you," "Compost pile," and lyrics from two of his upcoming songs entitled "Oblivion," and "Safe haven."

"Tonight was great, the people that ran the event were professional," Schwab said.

"Overall I felt like everyone that came was getting really into it, and I would have to say that this is probably the best night of the tour so far."

"We are trying to build awareness and get our name out, and Project 86 is a really well

known band. Hopefully if we show them that Joplin is a place that is worthy of having concerts with a good turn out for this reading tour, then we could think about a larger show," Wagahoff said.

Along with reading poems audience members heard a few tracks from Project 86's upcoming album, *Songs to Burn Your Bridges By*, in between settings.

"It interested me," said Zach Pauo, senior criminal justice major. "I have heard Project 86, and wanted to hear him speak. It was kind of intimidating, but funny. I liked his style."

After the event was over, Schwab stayed and spoke with fans as he signed autographs.

"I think overall, the experience every night has been completely refreshing, because you do a rock tour, and it is geared around the music and the performance, there is a lot of detail and drama that surrounds a rock show that you don't have on the tour that we are doing right now. And that is a very different environment."

Schwab's next stop on his tour is in Bensonville, Ill., Oct. 10.

"The fact is that it is not a rock tour but we are still touring and we just show up and do our thing, and then just get to hang out with people," Schwab said. "It is informal yet still performance oriented, yet intimate and it's cool — it is really fun."

Core Productions hopes to attract audiences of young adults, and students to their events to give them something wholesome and low in cost, Wagahoff said.

"I think the people here got something good out of it," Wagahoff said.

University trades in old scholarships for new ones

By JOSH RAY

Executive Editor

It's out with the old and in with the new in the financial aid department.

Missouri Southern has eliminated three of its scholarships. In the past, the Presidents', Regents' and Deans' scholarships have been offered to incoming freshmen.

The Presidents' scholarship was offered to potential students with an ACT score of 21 or higher and who graduated in the top two of their classes. The Regents' scholarship was offered to students with an ACT score of 26 or higher and graduated in the top half of their class, while the Deans' scholarship was for those ranked in the top 30 percent of their class with an ACT score of 23 or higher.

The Presidents' was valued at \$1,200 per year, the Regents' at \$800 a year and the Deans' at \$610 per year.

"They're no longer in existence," said Derek Skaggs, director of enrollment services.

The trio has been replaced by a duo, the Level I and Level II scholarships. They are different in numerous ways.

"We took our old scholarships and we changed the criteria and dollar amount," Skaggs said.

He said Southern doubled the value of the scholarships.

The new scholarships run under a new set of criteria for eligibility. While in the old scholarships, the ACT score of a student seemed to be the leading factor, in the new ones, class rank will also be held high as a factor.

"Our objective was to make those awards more competitive for higher ability students," Skaggs said.

For example, with the Level I scholarship, if a student has an ACT score of 26, they had to graduate in the top 26 percent of their class. In the Level II scholarship, for a score of 26, a student had to have graduated in the top 25-46 percent of their class. The Level I scholarship is valued at \$1,750 per year, and the Level II scholarship is valued at \$1,300 per year.

Mike Tripp, freshman kinesiology major, was awarded the Level I scholarship. He likes the fact that Southern changed the awards up a little. He appreciates that he receives more money than he would have from the old awards.

"Anything I can get helps," Tripp said.

He said the amount of financial aid he received helped him to make the decision to come to Southern. He expects the raise in the scholarship will help bring in more students to the University.

Children fill class to capacity, strive to speak en español

By MANDI STEELE

Managing Editor

Uno, dos, tres, a Missouri Southern student is teaching children ages 7-12 how to count in Spanish.

Through the International Language Resource Center's outreach program, Joplin area children can take a free Spanish class at the Joplin Public Library. The class was filled past capacity when it started Oct. 1. Some children had to be turned away, because the usual limit of 25 students was already at 32.

"We felt very bad about turning them down," said Tatiana Karmanova, director of the ILRC. "The demand is so great we can't possibly accommodate everybody who wants to take this class."

All the center's outreach classes are taught by Southern students who are either majoring in the language they

teach or who are native speakers of the language. Alejandra Burgess, senior radiology and Spanish major, teaches the 4 p.m. Wednesday class at the library. She is originally from Argentina.

"I'm fully bilingual," Burgess said. "At home we spoke English, and elsewhere we spoke Spanish."

This is Burgess's first time teaching the Spanish class at the library, and she said it is exciting.

"The children seemed really into it," she said. "They really interacted, so I was very encouraged."

The class learns to count, sing songs, play games and converse all in Spanish. Karmanova said the children will even learn about Spanish culture.

"What we're trying to do is make it fun," she said. "It's designed to teach them the basics and get them interested in the language."

Karmanova said many of the children who take the class can't learn Spanish at



Russ Hagerman/The Chart

Children listen to Alejandra Burgess teach Spanish at the Joplin Library.

their schools or are homeschooled, so the two-month course offers them a chance they might not receive otherwise.

In the past, depending on the availability of student-teachers, the class has also been taught in Chinese, Russian, French and German.

Elijah Hartje, 11, is in the sixth grade at Memorial Middle School. He takes the free class at the library with his sister, LaBresca. Elijah said he's had

Spanish since third grade and he likes it because it's "fun."

"I just like Spanish," Elijah said, "and I like to learn it anytime I get to."

LaBresca, 9, is in the fourth grade at Columbia Elementary School. She said this is her first time learning Spanish, but she doesn't think it will be hard. In her class on Oct. 1, she learned to sing a song in Spanish.

"My favorite thing is meeting other kids that like Spanish," LaBresca said.

Editor’s Column

University needs true radio station

I’m a big fan of music; I always have been.

I listen to everything from punk rock to jazz and, yes, I can even tolerate a little country here and there.



Andy Tevis

Director of Photography

I’m sorry to report this, but I’m just a little disappointed with the University’s radio station — not with the fact that it plays classical music, but with the fact that it plays almost nothing but classical music 24 hours every day.

88.7 KXMS, Fine Arts International, is licensed as a classical radio station to the Board of Governors of Missouri Southern.

I’ve spoken with many students on campus about this, and I was surprised to find out that many students don’t even know we have a station. If it wasn’t for my one-year stint in Blaine Hall with an antenna-less stereo, I might have never known about KXMS either. It was the only station my quality stereo would receive.

The students that do know of the station, not to my surprise, agree that the format of KXMS lacks anything of interest to them. Let’s face it. Classical music can be great, and studies even show that it makes babies smarter, but it’s of little interest to most students.

This “University” has a student-run newspaper, a student-run television station and a few student-run magazines. The radio station, however, is anything but student-run. Sure, students sometimes work the control room and get to say a few words on the air, but most of what I hear is satellite fed. The students have no say in what is sent out over the air-waves.

I think it’s time for this institution to make that next step toward that of most universities and adopt a student-run radio station.

If we had a truly student-run radio station, I believe it would help unite the campus community and give the campus more of a “university” feel.

The station could feature student musicians, as well as local talent. Along the lines of the University’s international focus, the station could have designated world music hours where it would play everything from salsa to Indian pop music. This would not only benefit the students but I feel it would be a great asset to Joplin as well.

The student audience doesn’t want to listen to music chosen by the Missouri Southern Board of Governors, as exciting as it is. A campus radio station run by students and playing the kind of music of interest to the student population does not seem like too much to ask.

Andy Tevis is the Director of Photography for The Chart. His opinions are his own and don’t necessarily reflect those of the entire staff.

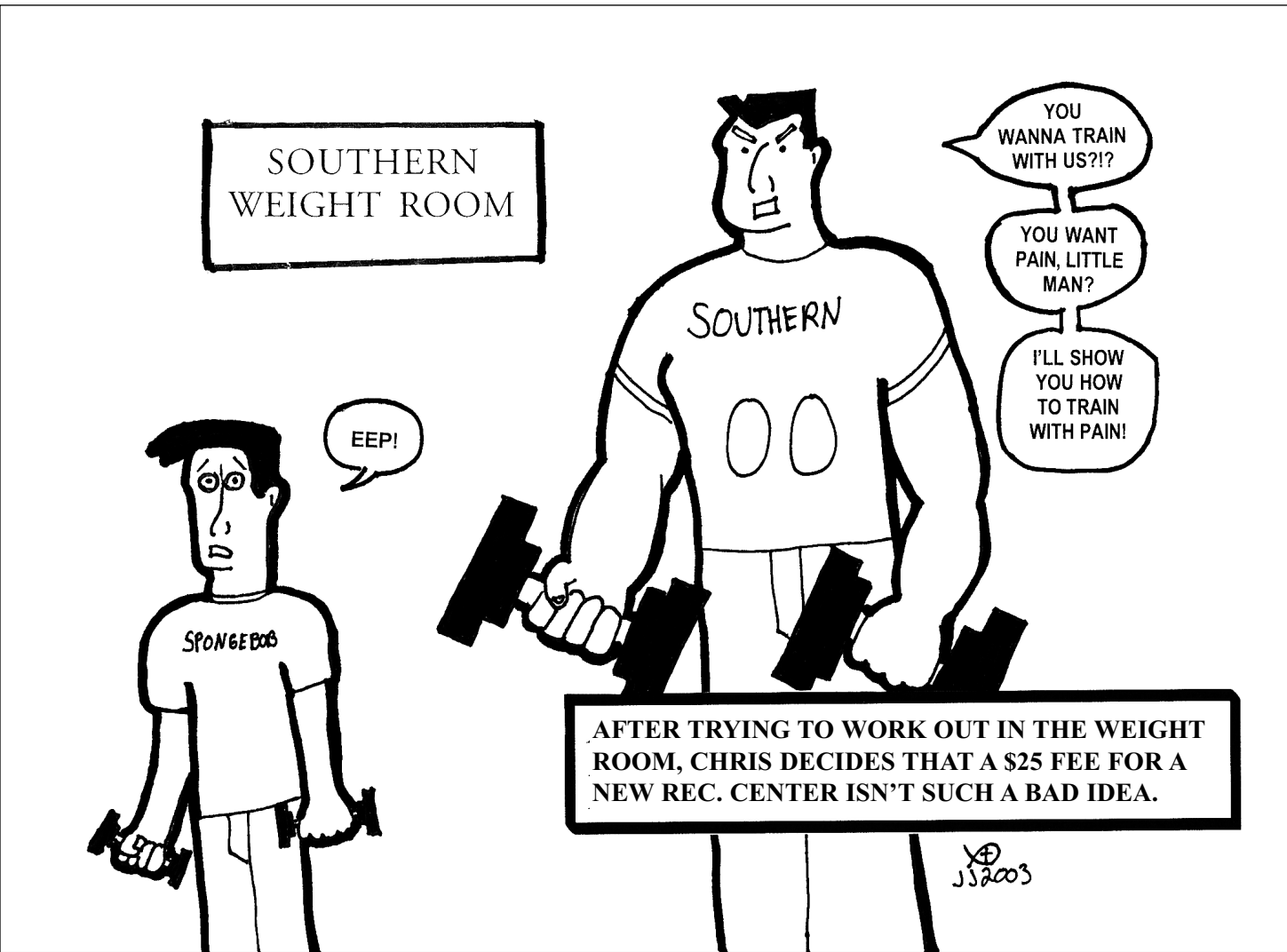


Chart supports new project

The Missouri Southern Foundation just kicked off its new Capital and Endowment Campaign.

The campaign will raise funds for several areas of the University. The estimated \$7.6 million project will both enhance the campus and make it more attractive to prospective students as well as potential faculty and staff members.

Southern is the last in the MIAA conference to even begin planning a new recreation center.

Studies have shown that grade-point averages, student involvement and participation and retention

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rates all rise when an institution builds a recreation center. Intramural sports and various clubs and organizations may also benefit from the proposed center.

Students involved in such programs, especially sports programs, are generally happier than uninvolved students. Happier students means higher grades and better retention rates.

The Chart fully supports this project which would be paid for by a \$25-\$50 fee per student per

semester as speculated by administration.

Other non-student funded improvements will include technology upgrades, faculty development, scholarships and enhancing the Institute of International Studies. Such improvements are seen as necessary attractions for bringing in the best professors and the brightest students. The \$7.6 million endowment plan is relatively inexpensive. The University of Kansas had an endowment plan with a proposed \$500 million budget, and the plan was easily passed and funded.

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Campus Voice

By NANCY HIGHT-MORRIS

Would you pay a fee for a new rec center?



“It depends on what the recreational activities are. An extra \$25-\$50 that I would have to pay each semester would have to go toward something that everyone should enjoy and benefit from.”

Jessica Head
Junior
Nursing
Major



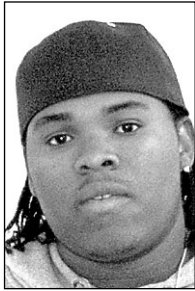
“If this wasn’t so much a commuter campus it would be a good idea, but since it is, it’s not a good idea. So why not just open the one we have for 24 hours a day?”

Dione Madson
Senior
Secondary Education
Major



“The money could be put to better use, per say, in new technology, textbooks and curriculum. These things I would gladly pay for.”

Shelley Manley
Senior
Biology
Major



“We need a new rec center, because the one thing closest to being one is the Student Life Center, and no one but athletes can use the weight room.”

Terry Levy
Junior
Pre-law/
Criminal Justice
Major



“A small fee is not too much to ask if general students are allowed to use the facility.”

Lyn Hester
Senior
Speech Communications
Major

Letter

‘We the People’ hold real power

In the university-level textbook *Government by the People*, James MacGregor Burns, et. al., states, “Democracy requires us to question our leaders and never trust a group or institution that holds too much power ... thus, the democratic faith depends on a particular blend of faith and skepticism when dealing with the will of the people.”

Mass media has been called *The Fourth Branch of the Government* (Bums, 2002. Prentice Hall) and is the branch of the government that every U.S. citizen can participate in. While watching C-Span2 on Sept. 30, I overheard Rep. Jeb Henslaring (R-Texas) speaking live from the floor of the House of Representatives.

“There is a spending problem in Washington, not a taxing problem. Much of the spending in Washington is pure waste, fraud and abuse.”

This statement from a Congressional statesman gives credence to the textbook.

I would like to urge you, my friends, that while we sit in our Ivory Tower with our noses buried in the books that hold our future, that we not forget that there is a world out there that has a continual grasp on the future.

We the people are the fourth branch of the government.

We the people are part of the continual system of checks and balances.

We the people have the power of public opinion and have the constitutionally granted power to express those opinions.

A single strand of human hair has little tensile strength, much like the opinion of a single citizen, yet if you were to entwine 10 hairs together, 20 hairs, 30 hairs, eventually the government you inherit from the generation that preceded, will have an understanding of the power of the fourth branch of government — “We the People.”

I urge you to keep a sharp eye on Uncle Sam and make sure he does not destroy your inheritance on waste, fraud and financial abuse.

Get informed; knowledge is power. Get involved.

Matthew Harris
Sophomore Psychology Major

In Perspective

On-campus involvement gives exposure

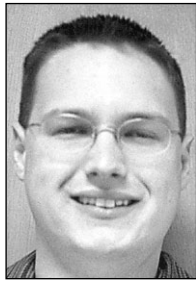
A university education is more than books, tests and papers. A true university education is a complete and total saturation of you into your school, peers and classes.

For some, it is joining an athletic team or expressing themselves in the performing arts; others will find their education in student groups and campus organizations. But wherever you find your education, I maintain that it is not solely in a classroom taking notes during a lecture.

I hold this belief due to the vast opportunities that have emerged for me as a direct result of my on-campus involvement.

These opportunities, while they may seem insignificant at first, have proven to be the truest and purest forms of education I have gained at Missouri Southern.

Despite the sizable opportunities that



Zack Odem
Student Senate President

Southern has to offer, I am afraid that many students are missing the true meaning of a university education by limiting it only to in-class activities. I take this stance based upon the belief that apathy is the norm on our campus, and the lack of student involvement in anything but the bare minimum is what most students hold as their, “university education.”

Yes, I have heard the arguments that you are too busy, but what if you only gave an hour a week?

Did you know that many clubs and organizations don’t even ask for one hour per week?

If you are a business, education, criminal justice, communications, fine arts, sciences or any other major, you owe it to yourself to join a student club.

Why? Because student organizations will help you get a job after you graduate. How? It will give you the opportunity to network with future coworkers and employers.

A good example of the role a student

SANDY BUMPS



Andy Tevis/The Chart

Daiki Fukusako of The Internationals intramural volleyball team practices for a sand volleyball tournament game to be held Oct. 19.

Travel by film

Festival offers new insight into Cuban history, culture

By RUSS ROPER
Staff Writer

Images of Cuba are coming to Missouri Southern. The Cuban Film Festival was created as a cooperative effort by some Southern faculty members and Dr. Tamara Falicov, assistant professor of theatre at the University of Kansas. “I helped curate the festival by giving suggestions, but it was definitely a joint effort between me and other Missouri Southern faculty,” Falicov said. The festival is scheduled for the week of Oct. 13. Nine films will be shown throughout the week with free admission. “These are popular films and mostly entertaining, although there are a couple of documentary types,” said Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of Institute of International Studies. Starting the festival off will be *Memories of Underdevelopment* scheduled for 2 p.m. Oct. 13 in Webster Hall Room 105. At 7 p.m. Oct. 13 in Matthews Hall Auditorium the film *I Am*

Cuba will be shown. *Cuban Story*, from 1959, is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Oct. 14 in Webster Hall, Room 105. Matthews Hall Auditorium is the site of two films Oct. 15. *Cuba Va: Challenge of the Next Generation* focuses on Cuba’s future as seen by Cuban youth and is set for 2 p.m. The second film scheduled for viewing at 7 p.m. is *Life is to Whistle*. *San Sabrosón: Antesala de la Salsa* will be showing at 2:30 p.m. Oct. 16 in Webster Hall room 105. *Buena Vista Social Club* will be shown at 7 p.m. Oct. 16 in Matthews Hall Auditorium. The final two movies of the festival will show Oct. 17. *Strawberry and Chocolate* is scheduled for 2 p.m. in Webster Hall Room 105. This film broke box office attendance records in Cuba. The film is also the first Cuban picture nominated for Best Foreign Film at the Academy Awards. The final film, *Guantanamo*, will be shown in Matthews Hall Auditorium at 7 p.m. The romantic comedy follows a famous singer as she returns to Guantanamo. “We have had plenty of speakers,” Stebbins said. “Now we’re trying the festival to see what type of audience would be interested.”

The Cuba Semester

Memories of Underdevelopment
2 p.m. Oct. 13
Webster Hall, Room 105
I Am Cuba
7 p.m. Oct. 13
Matthews Hall Auditorium

Cuban Story
2:30 p.m. Oct. 14
Webster Hall, Room 105

Tropical Reels: Cuban Cinema and Revolution from the 1960s to the Present
11 a.m. Oct. 15
Webster Hall Auditorium

Translating Cuba: Predicaments of a Diasporic Anthropologist
11 a.m. Oct. 22
Webster Hall Auditorium

Adio Kerida/GoodbyeDear Love: A film screening and discussion
7 p.m. Oct. 23
Webster Hall Auditorium

German Club tears down ‘Berlin Wall’ inside Webster Hall

By ANJULIE BOBO
Staff Writer

The Berlin Wall has once again fallen. This time not in Berlin, but at Missouri Southern. The German Club at Southern celebrates the event every year by reenacting the fall of the wall and helping students become aware of this event. The real Berlin Wall fell Oct. 9, 1989, but the German Club decided to hold

the event on the Day of Unity, or Tag der Einheit. The holiday, which is Oct. 3, signifies the political reunification of the two countries after the wall fell. Dr. Sabine Cramer, assistant professor of communications, along with German students and club members, prepared German foods and decorations to commemorate the event and make it as authentic as possible. “One of the main things I am trying to do is not let history die,” Cramer said.

Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology and international studies, was also involved in planning the event. “I would hope it would be symbolic for students,” he said. To replicate the fall of the wall, boards were set up outside of Webster Hall. From 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. students were allowed to spray paint on the wall. After the wall was full, it was taken down and hung on a door for students to watch. Cramer opened the door to symbolically tear the wall down.

“I think it is good because it lets people be aware of what it was like in East and West Germany and how important it was for it (the wall) to be torn down,” said Jill Cauthon, freshman history major. Cramer, Gubera and students have high expectations for the years to come. “The event is going to expand every year,” Cramer said. “The outcome was incredibly good. I was very pleased.”

“The event is going to expand every year.”

Dr. Sabine Cramer
Assistant Professor of Communications

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Diversions

Day of the Knight



Ron Willard and Karen Troeh portray King Richard and Queen Eleanor while greeting visitors at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival Oct. 4.

Russ Hagerman/The Chart

Festival offers merriment to entire kingdom

By MELISSA DUNSON
Diversions Editor

That man is wearing a skirt, well, a kilt, actually.

Where are men comfortable enough with their masculinity to roam around wearing spandex tights, feathered hats and kilts?

It's not *Robin Hood: Men in Tights*, it's the 27th annual Kansas City Renaissance Festival. From Aug. 30-Oct. 13, the festival transports guests back in time to participate in a 16th century village. Every effort is made to accurately recreate the medieval experience for visitors. The festival organizers employ more than 250 people to dress in period-style costumes and entertain guests through small plays and simple Old English conversation.

Many visitors to the festival don't need any monetary encouragement to dress up in their medieval garb. Children dressed up as knights, princesses and executioners trailed behind their equally enthusiastic parents.

Any group of people can be found at the festival: goths, punks, hippies, Tolkien fans, parents and children. The festival draws a diverse crowd with the promise of exotic foods, period music, unique shops, carnival style rides, games and entertaining stage shows.

Keesa Stammer, junior accounting major, visited the Renaissance Festival this fall for the first time in five years.

"I remembered that I had a lot of fun the last time I went," Stammer said. "So I thought I would have a good time looking at all of the medieval stuff."

The festival boasts a diverse menu for visitors to choose from. Different booths sell bread-bowl soups, beer-battered veggies, gyros, shrimp and chips, pork chop on a stick, fried ice cream, apple turnovers, honey-roasted almonds and the most popular item, roasted turkey legs. For some, the food is the highlight of the entire event.

"My favorite part every year is just walking around eating a turkey leg," Stammer said.

The music offered ranges from the bagpipes and penny whistles of "Scotland Rising" to the African tribal drums of "Djembe Kaan."

The festival grounds are divided into "glens," each with its own theme. The Enchanted Forest is alive with pixies, fairies and fawns. Ancient elegance in the form of abandoned tea parties consisting of chipped china and broken chairs give the glen a creepy, surreal feeling.

Strange creatures with wild hair and devil horns and clothed in animal skins were real enough to make visitors look twice. The characters roam in and out of the overgrown trees that are decorated with wispy draped fabrics and spider webs.

Some of the other areas include Wildwood, Royal Gardens, Yorkshire Wharf, Hunter's Glen, Mermaid Commons, Lion's Grove, Follie Field and Stumble Lane.

Dispersed throughout the festival grounds are various stages where plays and comedy shows are performed.

Magicians, belly dancers and knife throwers



perform alongside pirate musicals and exotic bird exhibitions.

The largest productions are the live jousts held throughout the day. These consist of two mounted knights in full armor charging each other with the intention of breaking the opponent's lance.

"I remembered that I enjoyed the jousting, and I loved seeing it this time again," Stammer said.

The festival provides an outlet for nontraditional craftsmen to display their creations. More than 13 shops are devoted to medieval, Middle Eastern and Irish jewelry.

Other stores feature leather, old-fashion soap, candles, period costumes and authentic medieval weapons.

Shondy Coker, resident of Kansas City, works at Badger Blades, a sword shop at the festival.

She has attended the festival for years, but this was her first time working there.

"My dad is a professional photographer who always takes pictures of the festival," Coker said. "I was always here, so I decided that I might as well get a job. I really enjoy it."

Badger Blades specializes in unique weapons. Coker pointed out a wooden pike with sharpened spears on both ends.

"It's a beautiful weapon," she said, "but it costs about \$600."

The shops most requested weapon is a three-and-a-half foot long fantasy blade reminiscent of a Klingon weapon.

"We have a lot of interest in it," Coker said. "A lot of people ask for it."

Saturday, Sunday and Monday are the final days of the Festival.

Tickets are available at the Missouri Southern ticket office in Billingsly for \$10.



(Left) Nick Larson portrays Smash the Ogre, a harmless monster who invites passersby to sit on his bench.

(Above) Terry Elton, magician, performs for festival visitors.

(Lower left) Michael Brodie portrays Gaylord, Queen Eleanor's interior designer at the festival. His costume includes lace gloves, strands of pearls and a parasol.

(Below) Amanda Ortiz portrays Pease Blossom the fairy in The Enchanted Forest.

Russ Hagerman/The Chart





John Seitz, left, and Josh Jeffries star in Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde the new play opening Wednesday. Read the story for a preview of the play.



Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Hali Durnell, resident of Nevada, Mo., plays an dance game at The Incredible Pizza Company in Springfield.

Dance, step game sets new craze

By DAVID HAUT
Staff Writer

The bass is blasting, the lights are flashing and everyone is watching. What to do? Dance, dance, dance.

The arcade hit Dance Dance Revolution Extreme has found a following with students at Missouri Southern.

"I started out in Springfield," said Landon Fry, sophomore English major and former staff writer of *The Chart*. "Now I play about once a week."

Fry is responsible for many tournaments in the area and is currently Joplin's top player.

Other Southern students are addicted to the game.

"I have a few students in some of my classes who know me just from coming in and playing," said Jeremy Smart, freshman theatre major and Tilt store manager.

Smart said the most popular age group is 18 to 22-year-olds.

The game is played on a platform with arrows in all directions. The players select their skill level and music. When the game begins, the music starts and arrows scroll to the top of the screen. The player must follow a series of steps in conjunction with the music. Points are awarded by accuracy.

Some students, however, are a little shy.

"We have a lot of college students who come out when we're not busy," Smart said. "They won't play the game because of embarrassment. [Other students] come out when we're busy, to show off for everyone."

In addition to college-age students, Smart currently has customers in their 30s and 40s.

"We have two older ladies who come in at least once a week," said Smart. "They said they're in better shape, their doctors highly recom-

mend it and it's better than walking the mall."

"I've dropped at least a pant size," said Linda Roy, senior English major. "I've been playing seriously every week for about six months. The weight loss started when I began playing more."

The players said they know some people who have lost 30-40 pounds already.

The cost for the game is 75 cents, the equivalent of three tokens at the Tilt arcade.

"I spend about \$5 dollars a week," Roy said.

Both Roy and Fry play the popular Playstation version of the game. Fry even fashioned his own dance pad to use at home.

Despite the convenience of playing at home, most students prefer the total experience of performing while playing.

"It's more fun to play at the arcade," Roy said.

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde promises new surprises

By DAVID HAUT
Staff Writer

A classic tale of greed, love and social hypocrisy is coming to Missouri Southern. Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale of good versus evil, *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, opens Wednesday.

Students may be a bit surprised to see that this tale isn't the one they saw on the Disney Channel.

"There were several things that changed in the writing of the stage version versus the original version," said Brandon Painter, senior theatre major.

"We came across an original script. This script was written in 1886."

One difference is perspective.

The story isn't told from Jekyll's point of view, but from the perspective of the lawyer, Mr. Utterson.

Dr. Jekyll also gains a girlfriend, which adds a romance element unknown to many people.

"You get the perspective change and the romance, which fits with the time period," Painter said.

"It's a period piece; because it was written in that time period, it really reflects that age. We're trying to recapture that."

The play uses new methods and technology; Painter wants to give the show a cinematic feel. Featured will be a complete title sequence and rolling credits. There also a few effects Painter doesn't want to give away.

"It's something this department hasn't done much of," Painter said.

Playing the role of Dr Jekyll/Mr. Hyde will be Southern graduate Josh Jeffries.

Highlighting his career at Southern was *Deathtrap*, which he directed.



Patti Richardson/The Chart

Rachel Mastin, left, and Rachel Weisensee co-star in Southern's latest theatre production, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, which opens Wednesday.

This will be Jeffries first lead role.

"Everyone's heard it," said Jeffries, "But almost no one's actually seen it. Almost no one does Jekyll and Hyde."

Along with the challenge of directing a big-name play, Painter also directed some first time actors.

"It's been a lot of hard work, on their part and mine," said Painter.

"I've got to hand it to them, they've done a fantastic job."

With opening night quickly approaching, Painter is confident his show will go well.

The play opens Wednesday and runs through Oct. 18 in Taylor Auditorium.

"There will be some surprises," Jeffries said.

"You'll see some things you haven't seen here before."

Group supports athletes

By T.J. GERLACH
Public Forum Editor

After having their western picture taken, members of the Campus Activities Board held a 13-minute meeting Oct. 8.

Eight students attended the meeting where the progress of Homecoming week was the only item on the agenda.

"It's been a good Homecoming week, so far," said Julie Blackford, director of student activities. "Things are going well."

Blackford said the LegaCD was moved from Oct. 6 to Oct. 9, because the LegaCD crew arrived and found it was missing a piece for its computer.

CAB members thought its activities at the Oct. 7 volleyball game were a success.



"Last night's game was awesome," Blackford said.

The Board gave away 250 T-shirts in less than 10 minutes to Missouri Southern students at the game.

Coke and popcorn were also given away to students at the game, but CAB decided to also sell the items to members of the community. The sales raised about \$100.

"We will donate the money to the United Way," Blackford said.

Board members briefly discussed Friday's all-campus picnic. It was reported in the meeting that several instructors have chosen to cancel class for the picnic.

The Board will begin discussing possible events for Halloween week as well as events for the spring semester at its next meeting, which will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, on the second floor lounge of the Billingsly Student Center.

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Melissa Dunson at 625-9311.



10 *Kill Bill Vol. 1, Intolerable Cruelty, Good Boy, and The House of the Dead* open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

Homecoming picnic @ 10:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. @ the oval.

Jenkins Dirt concert @ 9:30 p.m. @ The Gypsy in Fayetteville.

Dark is the Day, Disjointed, While I Breathe, Failsafe, and Strength of Conviction concert @ 6 p.m. @ Club Cesspool.

Don Shipp's & The Titanic Blues Band @ 9 p.m. @ Dioko Coffee Company.

Johnny Williams @ 9:30 p.m. @ Turtleheads Raw Bar.

Duke Mason Variety Music Show @ 8 p.m. @ The Route 66 Theatre.

11 **FREE!** Far From Yesterday, Brutally Frank, Freak Flag, The Itch, Frail, Crying Out Loud, The D-Boys concert @ 2 p.m. @ Club Cesspool.

Homecoming parade @ 11:30 a.m.

All student tailgate @ 12:45 p.m.

Homecoming football game MSSU vs. Truman State @ 2 p.m.

Peace Church and Station 20 concert @ 9 p.m. @ The route 66 Theatre.

Glory Days "Live Music Cafe" @ 8 p.m. @ Glory Days Music.

Ronnie Milsap concert @ 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. @ Parsons Municipal Auditorium.

12 Karaoke from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. @ Murphy's Irish Pub.

Flattop guitarist Doc Watson concert @ 7:30 p.m. @ Juanita K. Hammons Hall in Springfield.

13 BSU Joy Explosion @ 7 p.m.

PSU jazz concert @ 7:30 p.m. @ PSU Student Center.

14 Karaoke and all you can eat Tacos @ 8 p.m. @ J-Town

Karaoke @ 10 p.m. @ The Green Room.

15 BSU Lunch-n-Counter @ Noon.

CAB meeting @ 2 p.m. second floor BSC.

Tropical Reels: Cuban Cinema and Revolution from the 1960s to the Present lecture @ 11 a.m. in Webster Hall Auditorium.

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde play debuts @ 7:30 p.m. in Taylor Auditorium.

16 Krazy Karaoke @ 9 p.m. @ Champ's Bar and Grill

Campus Crusade for Christ @ 7:30 p.m. @ the Student Life Center.

Mottos to Live By:

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If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.

Never do card tricks for the group you play poker with.

Monday is an awful way to spend 1/7th of your life.

If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.

Change is inevitable....except from vending machines.

Borrow money from pessimists — they don't expect it back.

REGIONAL
NEWS BRIEFS

State committee seeks
to privatize government

State Sen. Gary Nodler (R-Joplin) was named chairman of the new Subcommittee on Competition and Privatization in State Government.

The subcommittee, which includes members from the Senate, House and private industry, will explore opportunities to privatize certain functions and services of state government.

In a statement issued Oct. 3, Nodler said, "Prudently done, privatization gives taxpayers more for their money. It boosts productivity and retains services without raising costs."

A number of states, including Texas, Virginia, Colorado, Pennsylvania and Michigan have begun privatizing some parts of state government.

Southern club helps city
collect waste material

The City of Joplin and the Environmental Health Club at Missouri Southern have set up a household hazardous waste collection point for area residents. Household hazardous waste materials will be accepted from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Oct. 24 and 25 at the Recycling Center at 1310 West A St. in Joplin.

For information about what materials will be accepted persons may contact Michael Kennedy at 625-9857.

Jaycees announces
'04 spring convention

The Joplin Convention and Visitors Bureau announced Oct. 6 the Missouri Jaycees will hold its 2004 State Spring Board Meeting in Joplin.

The three day event will take place in May.

The Jaycees, or Junior Chamber of Commerce, is an organization of young people committed to community enrichment.

Webb City mayor
quits mid-meeting

By JONATHAN BEVILLE

City Editor

Webb City's mayor, Glen Dolence, and city attorney, Paul Taylor, resigned Oct. 3 after a heated city council meeting.

At a meeting in late September, Dolence said the council voted unanimously not to renew the contract of the city administrator.

In the absence of a city administrator, Dolence said he would do what he could to keep things on keel. He said he spoke with the city attorney about forming a committee to screen applicants for the position.

Dolence said the committee was to consist of the mayor pro tem, a businessman, an educator, a human resources person and a representative from the Chamber of Commerce.

"The city administrator is an assistant to the mayor," Dolence said.

Several members of the city council said they first found out about the committee from an article published in *The Joplin Globe*.

"To me the whole thing wasn't a big deal, I was just blindsided by the committee," said Councilman John Biggs. "I was upset for a

few minutes, but after I thought about it, I didn't see anything wrong with it."

Councilman Tom Reeder said he thought the move was inappropriate.

"Nobody is going to screen applications for me," he said. "There are state statutes that say I have a right to do this myself."

Dolence said the council seemed to interpret the committee as though he were trying to run something by without council approval.

"I thought it was urgent to get word out," he said.

Halfway through the conversation, Dolence said he decided it was best if he were to resign.

"I hate to let down the people of Webb City, but I don't have to put up with this stuff," he said.

He said the committee had not yet met at the time of the meeting.

Taylor said the purpose of the committee was to give the council a broad base of input.

"The superintendent of schools is not going to screen applications for me, and I don't screen applications for his teachers," Reeder said.

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Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Matt Thomas, Joplin resident, checks in for a flight Sept. 30.

Airport struggles
in 'vicious circle'

By JONATHAN BEVILLE

City Editor

The Joplin Regional Airport is continuing its search to bring more commercial air service to Joplin. However, high fares and a limited number of destinations continue to cause travelers to commute to airports such as Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport.

A search conducted by *The Chart* on Expedia.com of roundtrip airfare to New York City resulted in fares from \$178 in Kansas City, \$339 in Springfield and \$416 in Joplin.

Parking rates in Kansas City run a minimum of \$5 per day. In Springfield the cost of parking is \$10 per day. There is no charge to park in Joplin.

"One of the things we are going to attempt to do is work for agreements for an airline to take passengers to a specific hub and keep fares within a range competitive to our market area," said Steve Stockam, general manager of the Joplin Regional Airport.

Steve Hendrickson, vice president for consulting in North America for Sabre Airline solutions compared the fare situation with shopping.

"You can buy toothpaste at a 7-11 for \$5 or you can buy it at Wal-Mart at bargain prices," he said.

Airports like Joplin end up like those convenience stores, price wise, Hendrickson said.

He said travelers go to other airports to save money which drives up prices at the smaller ones.

"Its a vicious circle," Hendrickson said.

The airport was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Department of Transportation through the Small Community Air Service Development Pilot Program.

Bill Mosely, a spokesman with the U.S. Department of Transportation, said of the 40 airports to receive program grants in 2002, 19 have already experienced upgraded service. Nearly all are seeing more passengers, he said.

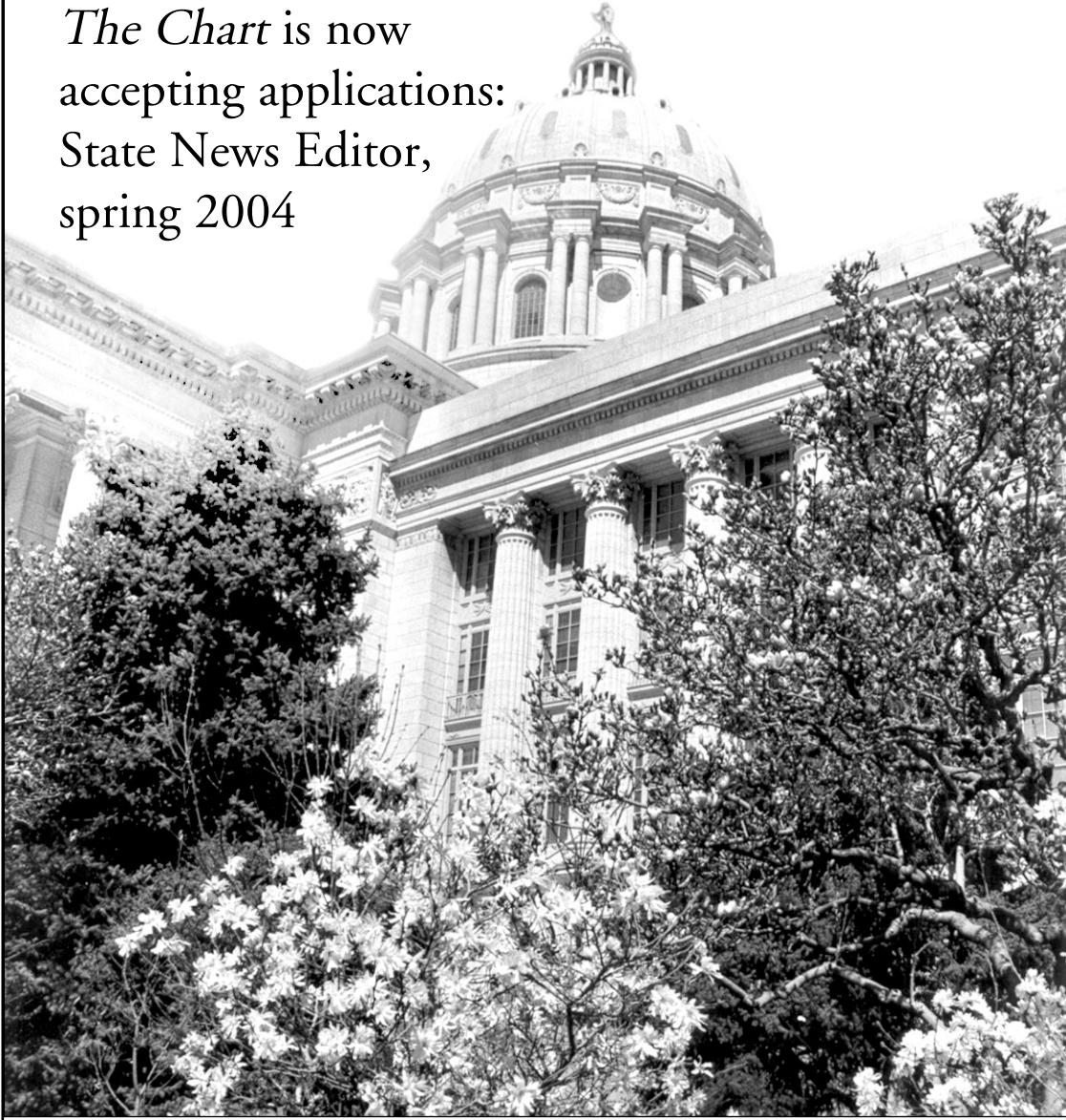
Industry analysts, however, remain hesitant to concur with such reports. Beth Anderson, management consultant with Sabre Airline Solutions, said it is too soon make such claims.

"Because of the situation, many communities are being very creative," Anderson said. "A lot of those are still being

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Adam Griffin and Carla Fairbanks, residence hall directors, assemble part of the Residence Hall Association's campus display for Homecoming on the oval.

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Crowder, Southern cooperate

By JOSH RAY
Executive Editor

Two institutions have joined into an alliance, but not against the forces of evil.

Missouri Southern and Crowder College have combined their customized training departments into one to form the Alliance for Business Consulting and Development.

Both training departments specialized in offering training services to area corporations. Everything from consulting to training in managing was offered in both facilities. Roger Wagner, associate dean of instruction at Crowder, said this caused the problem of the companies having to choose between the two institutions for training. The alliance changes that.

"Another benefit is that the companies really didn't have to make a choice," Wagner said. "We've taken the best of two organizations and built one stronger organization."

Dr. Jack Spurlin, vice president for lifelong learning, said the two institutions have basically competed against each other for the past three to four years. The merge allows both to be able to use each other's faculty, resources and experience to better serve their customers.

"When you combine all that, you have a lot of power at your fingertips," Spurlin said.

Rather than being located on either campus, the main offices and building for ABCD are located in part of the old armory behind McDonald's in Webb City. Wagner said this is a good spot to serve the nine counties in southwest Missouri.

"That provides kind of a centralized location to the service area," Wagner said.

Wagner also said the alliance is always willing to reach out past its normal area of coverage. He said in the past, both Southern and Crowder have branched out to Kansas and Oklahoma. Crowder has even serviced companies in Mexico and Canada within the past two years.

"We don't limit ourselves to any geographic boundary," Wagner said. "They [Southern] have not limited themselves by any specific boundary either."

Nancy Kenney, co-director of ABCD, said the organization will be looking to branch out "everywhere" now that it has more resources at its disposal.

Terra Higgins, junior psychology major, works at the ABCD building in Webb City. She said the merger was a good thing because now ABCD can receive more funding, which translates into better services for its customers.

"It helps the companies, too, because we can get more money from the state," Higgins said.

She expects the alliance to stick around.

"We get a lot of good feedback from the companies we work with," Higgins said. "As long as we get funding from the state, we plan on being here."

Kenney said this is the first time two institutions have ever joined into something on this level.

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worked through, so it's hard to gauge at this point."

Stockam said the Joplin Regional Airport is working with Global Aviation, a Washington D.C. based consulting firm, to help increase commercial service.

"Our air service consultant looked at every grant recipient last year and looked at every one of their programs," Stockam said.

Hendrickson said the pres-

ures facing the Joplin airport are being seen industry wide by airports of similar size.

"Smaller airports are under pressure from larger airports that can act as a consolidation point and appeal to a broader area," Hendrickson said.

Paula Foster who works in accounting for the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport said flights and service have increased since the airport opened in 1998. Five carriers fly out Northwest Arkansas.

Hendrickson said airlines look for seven to eight small airports where one central one can be developed.

Revenue guarantees are one

means that the grant money can be used.

Through revenue guarantees, Hendrickson said, a carrier could enter the market and know that potential losses would be covered. Employing revenue guarantees offers no guarantee that the program will succeed.

Hendrickson said a revenue guarantee program was implemented between Wichita Mid-Continent Airport and Airtran. The airport spent funds in the seven-figure range and Airtran ultimately pulled out of the market.

"At the end of the day the market needs to stand on its own to feet," Hendrickson said.

MAYOR:

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Taylor said the mayor's actions were within the reach of the law.

It works much like most executive appointments, with an advise/consent system.

Reeder said state law places the responsibility for selecting a city administrator under the jurisdiction of city council.

"My issue was we are the ones responsible to pick this position," Reeder said.

"I need the citizens of my ward to know I am screening applications on their behalf.

Reeder said his attacks on the mayor's actions are not personal.

"I wanted to make sure we follow the law - I took an oath to follow the law," Reeder said.

He said there might be some hard feelings on the council, but things will return to normal.

"I think we lost a good mayor," Biggs said.

He said he went to see Dolence the next morning to see if he would reconsider.

"It's not often you have a man with that kind of talent who takes a job without a lot of upsides," Biggs said.

Dolence served Missouri Southern for 27 years.

"I came to the college as Dean of Men in 1969," Dolence said.

Later that position was changed to Dean of Students, he said. Eventually he was

named vice president of student services.

"He was super when he was here," said Doug Carnahan, dean of students, who worked with Dolence for 18 years.

Carnahan said Dolence was highly respected while working for Southern and that he continued to be a leader in the community after retiring in 1996.

"He worked virtually full time as a volunteer with the United Way," Carnahan said.

Webb City will hold general elections in April to elect a new mayor.

The person elected will serve the remaining two years of Dolence's term.

Until then, Mayor Pro Tem Don Meredith will fill the position.

CENTER:

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they may have for the center.

Although Senate implemented a Recreational Interest Survey, the architectural firm chosen to design the structure will conduct a feasibility study.

The firm will poll the students in order to determine what amenities best fit the student's needs and wants.

"We can talk about a rock wall, a lazy river, swimming pools and a lounge, but if those components are not what the students want, then it will be built to other specifications," Agee said.

All that has been decided is the feasibility study. All other plans are tentative at this point.

"This will be a student based center," said Doug Carnahan, dean of students.

"Faculty and staff will have to pay a fee to use the facility."

A student recreation, health and wellness fee will partially fund the center in conjunction with donations from the Capital Campaign.

The student fee is estimated to be \$25-\$50 a semester, but until the feasibility study is conducted and calculated, any estimation of fees is pure speculation.

Editor's note:

The Chart will be taking a Closer Look at this issue in the Oct. 17 edition.

CLUBS:

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organization can play is the Missouri Southern Students in Free Enterprise team.

SIFE is a business student organization that is open to all students campus wide.

Our SIFE team has gained national acclaim as a regional leader.

As a result, when our SIFE team goes to national competitions, employers come to recruit our students.

A good example of this is a student who, last May, at the SIFE national competition met the CEO of Walgreen's. This now graduate of Southern is currently working her way up the corporate ladder at Walgreen's world headquarters in Chicago.

She is currently years ahead of other recent graduates who did not have the opportunities she had — opportunities that were the direct result of a Southern campus organization.

I think that you will be surprised at how much one hour per week will make a difference during your college years.

Maybe you will decide to join a department group and a campus wide organization, such as Student Senate, CAB, Koinonia or a sorority.

These campus wide organizations will give you greater exposure to potential employers and new opportunities.

The core issue is simple, give an hour a week to an on-campus organization and you will gain experiences and opportunities that otherwise would not be possible.

To conclude, I leave you with a quote by Franklin D. Roosevelt:

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Andrew Koehler, junior biology major, tees off on the third hole Oct. 7 at Southern's home meet.

Team drives to first place

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Led by a 70 and three scores of 71, the Missouri Southern men's golf team shaved 14 strokes from its opening round score and rallied for the tournament Oct. 7 at the Missouri Southern Fall Invitational.

The Lions were one-under par as a team with a 283 and finished the tournament with a score of 580.

Southern won by six strokes over Missouri Western State College, which finished with 586 (297-289).

Junior Andrew Koehler finished with a one-under par 70 to lead the Lions on day two of the tournament, played on the par 71 Loma Linda Country Club.

Koehler finished as one of three Southern players with 145 for their tournament total.

Koehler was five-under on par-5s in the tournament and had seven birdies.

Junior Danny Sinksen shot 145 (74-71), as did senior Andrew Watts.

Watts shot 74-71 in the tournament.

Sinksen ended tied for the tournament best with nine birdies. Watts, like Koehler, had seven.

Junior Geir Askvik finished with 147 (74-73) and junior Travis Stockholm had a 149 (78-71).

Sinksen, Koehler, Watts and Askvik all placed in the top 10 for the tournament.

The University of Missouri-St. Louis, the day one leader with 294, finished third in the tournament with a 591.

Central Missouri State University and Washburn University tied for fourth with 592.

CMSU shot 296 on both days, while WU had a 292 Oct. 7.

With the win of the second Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association-sanctioned event of the fall, the Lions are on top in the current conference standings with 13 points, as they received seven points for the Oct. 7 win.

CMSU is second with 11.5 points (including 4.5 for their fourth place tie). WU is third with 9.5 points, followed by MWSC with nine.

GOLF STANDINGS	
Team	Points
1. MSSU	13
2. CMSU	11.5
3. WU	9.5
4. MWSC	9
5. TSU	6
6. SBU	5
7. PSU	2

Tennis team does not fault at ITA Tournament

By DAVID HAUT
Staff Writer

The Lions tennis team finished its fall season Oct. 3-5 with its best showing in the ITA Regional Tournament.

The tournament took place Oct. 3-5 in Maryville. The tournament had players entered from 11 schools.

"This was the best showing of Missouri Southern at regionals," said Head Coach Jane Posch.

"We were receiving complements all week. It will be interesting to see

where our girls are ranked."

Of the 62 singles, seniors Sheryl Posch and Kim McMunn made it to the quarterfinals, both posting 2-1 records. McMunn's first victory was over Southwest Baptist's No.1 singles player Charlotte Heidelberg.

"Kim had a tough draw," Jane Posch said. "It was a big win."

"She was new to the team," Kim McMunn said. "She was a heavy hitter, but made enough mistakes that I could keep the ball in play and win. I didn't know how tough she was when I drew her, so I wasn't as worried about it."

Senior Amy Stredney won her consolation bracket with three victories after a first round loss to Colorado State's Kindi Vaughn.

In doubles, Stredney and freshman Kristen Meschede fought their way to the quarterfinals before losing to sisters Jessica and Rebecca Meares of Metro State College-Denver.

Sheryl Posch and junior Lacey McMunn advanced to the semifinals after a first round bye. The two defeated doubles teams from the University of Northern Colorado and Washburn University before being eliminated by

the Meares sisters, who were the No.1 seed in the tournament.

The tournament concluded what has been a great season for the Lions, who will resume in the spring with a tougher schedule.

"That's how you do well," Posch said. "You have to play a tough schedule."

With a positive end to the fall season, the Lions will now begin conditioning for their upcoming season.

"It gives us confidence going into the spring season," Lacey McMunn said.

Play resumes for the Lions tennis team in the spring semester.

Women's X-country takes first at Rolla

By PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

The Missouri Southern women's cross country team strode ahead of other competition to place first at the Miner's Invitational on Oct. 4.

The Lions posted 43 points in the meet, while second placed Truman State University had 56 points. TSU is ranked 17th nationally.

"I think it went well, we got to beat Truman," said Jen Noelken, senior English major.

Noelken said the team "packed" better at the Miner's Invitational than at the Southern Stampede held Sept. 20. At the stampede TSU defeated the Lions by 18 points. Head coach Patty Vavra said during the home meet, TSU's No. 3 runner was ahead of Southern's No. 2 runner.

The next meet for Southern is Oct. 11 at the Missouri-Illinois Border War held at the University of Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. Vavra said this meet would be one of the biggest meets of the year.

"It (the meet) will be very competitive," Vavra said.

Noelken said the meet will be a hard one for the team to run in. She said the team would have to focus on itself before the meet.

"It's (the meet at Rolla) nice because of the smaller number of entrants," Vavra said "It gives you an opportunity to focus on your group and trying to pack in."

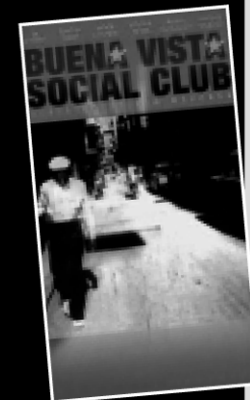
She said the meet brings in more schools, because it is the meet before the conference championships. The team would want to place high in the rankings. Vavra said the Border War will allow the team to see teams that will compete in the conference championships that the Lions haven't seen before. It will also allow the team to see the strengths of the other teams in the conference before the championships.

"The difference is this is such a big meet; the conference meet is smaller and there wouldn't be as many people in between," Vavra said.

Pittsburg State University was named as the team that would win the championships in the pre-season poll. PSU still remains the No. 1 team in the region. Vavra said the last three years the championships have been decided within 10 points.

"The thing that is most impressive about our young ladies is they have not plateaued yet," she said. "They keep improving every week."

Vavra said at the beginning of the season some of the athletes were sick with the flu and that cut back on the training needed. Now that the team is in full health it expects to have a good showing at the Border War Saturday and at the MIAA conference championships Oct. 25 in Kirksville.



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Cuban Story

What was Errol Flynn doing after he was done swashbuckling? Hanging out in Havana, where he owned a movie theatre with producer Victor Pohlen, collaborating on this documentary that records Castro's revolution as it was happening. A film shown only once before its restoration and release in 2002.

Oct. 14 • 2:30 p.m. • Webster Hall Room 105 • Free

Cuba Va: Challenge of the Next Generation

Join Cuban film expert Tamara Falicov for a viewing of this controversial look at Cuba's future through the eyes of Cuban youth, featuring interviews, spontaneous and passionate debates, and rarely seen views of Cuban youth culture.

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Life is to Whistle

This award-winning film follows the romantic mishaps of three Havana residents—a ballerina who takes a vow of chastity, a musician who seduces tourists and an inhibited social worker. "Visual zaniness! Heady sensuality!"—Stephen Holden, The New York Times. Directed by Fernando Perez

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Strawberry & Chocolate

Controversial in Cuba, this comedy-drama, set in 1979, explores the friendship that develops between a gay art lover and a Communist student. The first Cuban film to be nominated for Best Foreign Film at the Academy Awards. Directed by Tomas Gutierrez Alea.

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Guantanamo

This engaging comedy mixes the stories of two traveling groups: members of a funeral procession and some truck drivers on the road from Guantanamo to Havana. According to Facets, it combines road movie, bedroom farce, satire, and romance. Directed by Tomas Gutierrez Alea, who died while making the film, and Juan Carlos Tabio.

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Sept. 27 Results				
MWSC	10	7	16	0 — 33
MSSU	0	0	6	0 — 6

First Quarter
 MWSC — Pitts 3 yd run (Blagg kick), 12:43. MWSC — Blagg 20 yd field goal, 6:19.

Second Quarter
 MWSC — Moore 5 yd pass from Westerberg (Blagg kick), 9:33.

Third Quarter
 MWSC — Pitts 44 yd run (Blagg kick), 8:13. MWSC — Polk 3 yd interception return (Blagg kick), 7:46. MSSU — Jones 52 yd interception return (Hawkins kick blocked), 4:12. MWSC — Dawson PAT return, 4:12.

Men's Soccer

Oct. 5 Results				
UMR	1	1	—	2
MSSU	1	2	—	3

UMR Scoring: Pelate (unassisted), 14:54. Coates (unassisted), 85:116.

MSSU Scoring: Brusca (unassisted), 14:54. Hill (Brusca), 52:51. Zalewski (West), 64:48.

Women's Soccer

Oct. 6 Results				
TSU	4	1	—	5
MSSU	0	1	—	1

TSU Scoring: Murray (Wright), 6:22. Wright (Capicky), 6:58. Murray (Mortenson), 14:37. Capicky (penalty kick), 17:56. Murray (Wright), 65:37. MSSU Scoring: Reisner (Griffin), 56:06.

Volleyball

Oct. 7 Results				
PSU	30	31	31	28 10
MSSU	18	33	29	30 15

Golf

Oct. 1 Results	
Top 10 Teams	Score
1. MSSU	580
2. MWSC	586
3. UMSL	591
4. CMSU	592
WU	592
6. SBU	600
7. WWU	608
8. TSU	612
9. NEO A&M	634
10. PSU	646
Top 20 Players	Score
1. Joe Pryor	144
2. Danny Sinksen	145
Randy Hughes	145
Andrew Koehler	145
Andrew Watts	145
6. Nick Layman	146
Scott Crose	146
Eric Poppitz	146
9. Brice Garnett	147
Geir Askvik	147
Diego Jimenez	147
Matt Johnston	147
Drew Stephens	147
14. Pat Murillo	148
Garrett Donavon	148
Dusty Smith	148
Brandon Cox	148
Matt Warnock	148
Mitch Girres	148
20. Travis Stockholm	149
Brett McCauley	149

Southern Schedule

Oct. 10	
Volleyball @ Henderson State Tournament	
Women's Soccer @ Emporia State	
Men's Soccer @ Midwestern State (Texas)	

Oct. 11	
Football: Homecoming against Truman State @ 2 p.m.	
Volleyball @ Henderson State Tournament	
Cross Country @ Missouri Illinois Border War	

Oct. 12	
Women's Soccer @ Washburn	
Men's Soccer @ Northeastern State (Okla.)	
Golf @ Drury Invitational	

Oct. 13	
Golf home @ Drury Invitational	
Oct. 14	
Golf home @ Drury Invitational	
Volleyball @ Southwest Baptist	

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Jessie Puszewski, senior outside hitter, left, and Lindsey Mason, senior middle hitter, attempt to keep Pittsburg State University from scoring another point.



Jennifer Ford, senior middle hitter, prepares to hit the volleyball back over the net in an attempt to score against PSU. Missouri Southern won the game, 3-2.

CAB supports team in victory

By TARA WALKER
Staff Writer

With the kind of fan support that includes cheering, chanting and even dancing, who could expect anything less than a victorious win over Pittsburg State University?

On Oct. 7, Missouri Southern hosted a game with one of the largest fan turnouts of the season, which was to be expected considering who the opponent was. The fact that free T-shirts were given out didn't hurt either.

"CAB brought 250 T-shirts or a little more, and we ran out," said Daniel Horner, junior health promotion and wellness major.

"We also passed out free coke and popcorn."

CAB's reason was that it is so close to Homecoming, and the last time Southern played PSU there wasn't a very good fan turnout.

"We're trying to get more people to come to the games, because the team is awesome this year," Horner said.

"We had a great crowd and a good student crowd come to the game," said head coach Debbie Traywick. "They have been more vocal this year than they have been in the past. It's great to have them chant, it is such a home-court advantage. I think that helps even more for the

other team to know that we have a crowd behind us."

With game scores of 30-18, 31-33, 31-29, 28-30 and 10-15, the Lions pulled an upset against nationally ranked PSU. PSU was ranked No. 15 in the AVCA/USA Today Division II poll. The players were very satisfied with the way they played.

"It was the exact same situation we faced at their place, but we just went after it," said Lindsey Mason, senior middle hitter. "We weren't going to lose. It was their turn to have a heartbreaker."

"I thought we played really, really well, and it was about time to beat PSU," said Cindy Fleming, sophomore outside hitter.

Traywick was also satisfied with the way the Lion's played.

"I was really proud of our seniors for the way they came back after the first game," she said. "They struggled a little bit, and there was a little bit of pressure, or just adrenaline. They needed to play a little more and get that adrenaline out. I thought they did a really nice job at it."

The team's overall record is 10-6, with a conference record of 4-5.

The Lions' next games are Friday and Saturday at Arkadelphia, Ark., in the Henderson State Tournament, and Tuesday at Bolivar against Southwest Baptist University.

Men's cross country team strives for fourpeat

By PHILIP MARTIN
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The men's cross country team placed 12th out of 25 teams Oct. 4 at the Oklahoma State Jamboree.

The Lions placed in front of Division I teams that included the University of Tulsa, Southwest Missouri State University and Texas Tech University, who rounded out the top 15. The only other conference school to place at the Jamboree was Central Missouri State University. CMSU had a total of 448 points. Southern had 320 points. Magnus Holmstrom who placed 36th with a time of 25:18 led the Lions. Craig Rhoads and Paul Koehler were two other Lions who placed within the top 70, 66th and 69th respectively. Rhoads finished in 25:52 and Koehler in 25:56.

"Magnus Holmstrom, Craig Rhoads and Paul Koehler can run with anybody in the nation, in Division II or Division I; they are that good," said head men's cross country coach Tom Rutledge.

"I'm having to ask them to do a great deal to pull up and stay up in the hunt."

Tom Rutledge
 Head Men's Cross Country Coach

"Our problem right now is like a lot of other people's problems, we had three great seniors graduate last year. We're having to fill in our lower part of the team, our four, five and six men, with freshmen and sophomores."

Rutledge said the team is asking a lot of the underclassmen to help out with a veteran team that has won three straight conference championships.

"I'm having to ask them to do a great

deal to pull up and stay up in the hunt," he said. "For us to win the conference again, we're going to have to have that fourth and fifth man up in the pack. They know that; we know that; everybody knows that — it isn't a secret."

Rutledge said the team has improved since the first meet of the year, but doesn't know if the team is improving fast enough. He said some of the underclassmen are used to running 60-mile weeks in preparation for 5K races. Now they are running 100-mile weeks in preparation for 8 to 10K races.

"It's something they have to get used to," Rutledge said. "It's like when you're a freshman in college it's tough for you to take a senior level course. You feel 'Well, I'm behind,' but then as you work up the ladder you're going to be fine."

He said cross country training is a learning process, and the athletes who aren't used to it are learning. In three weeks, the Lions will be racing for the conference championships and looking for a fourpeat.

Before the championships, the team will be heading for the University of Southern Illinois-Edwardsville to participate in the Missouri-Illinois Border War on Saturday.

At the Border War, Southern will see Truman State University run for the first time. It will be an opportunity for the teams to see how the competition for the conference championship is stacking up.

Rutledge said TSU might not run a full team at the Border War, because Southern has a "target on our backs" from winning the championship three years in a row.

"Truman is definitely the team to beat," he said.

Rutledge said right now most teams in the conference don't think Southern has a good team. He said it will be interesting to see what teams show up and how each team runs. Two weeks after the Border War, the cross country team heads to Kirksville to try and win a fourth straight MIAA conference championship.



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Senior forward Lance Juett wards off two University of Missouri-Rolla defenders during Missouri Southern's 3-2 victory Oct. 5. The Lions hold a 3-6 record.

Team fights hard for win streak

By JEREMIAH COOK
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After completing a whirl-wind string of three games in five days, the Missouri Southern Lions men's soccer team, is feeling good about themselves. "Obviously, a win is a 'fix-all' for the next three games," said Kiley Cirillo, head men's soccer coach. "If you are 0-6, and you win one, then you're set for the next two games. So it's a solve all."

The players seem to agree with their head coach. "Losing kind of gets everybody down," said Nick Brusca, senior defender. "But when you win a few games, everybody lifts up their heads and starts believing in themselves." Even with the recent string of success, Cirillo is quick to point out that isn't why he is here. "I'm not in it for the win, but it is nice," Cirillo said. "I'm in it to see guys develop as players, and to see if I can take the knowledge that was given to me and put it

back into somebody else." The Lions will face two more stiff tests when they travel to Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas, Oct. 10, and to Northeastern State University Tahlequah, Okla., on Sunday. NSU and MSU, ranked 16 and 22 respectively in the latest Coaches Association poll, will challenge Southern. But the players seem confident they can come out of this trip on the positive side of things. "If we can come out with a couple of

wins, then I think that we can look at ourselves and see where we are as opposed to other teams in the country," Brusca said. "I think that we can win both games if we play our game and keep possession of the ball," Zalewski said. "But if we let them control how we play, then they are going to be tough games." After the Lions return from their trip, they will have 12 days to prepare for a challenge against William Woods University from Fulton, Mo., Oct. 24 in Joplin.

Lions lose to Griffons, search for next win

By JEREMIAH COOK
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The Missouri Southern football team will return home to the friendly confines of Hughes Stadium after a two-game stint on the road. The Lions were between a rock and a hard place at the onset against Missouri Western State College. After a personal foul on the opening kickoff, the Griffons set up shop at the Lions 39-yard line and had soon leapt out to a 10-0 first-quarter lead and went into the locker rooms at half time with a 17-0 advantage. The second half didn't start out any better than the first half had ended. MWSC took the ball down the field on its first possession of the third quarter with a 78-yard drive that culminated in a 44-yard touchdown run. "We didn't match up well with them (MWSC), to be quite honest," said Lions head football coach Bill Cooke.

"They had some bigger ponies in the barn, so to speak. But we match up with these guys (Truman State University), so it should be a good game." The Bulldogs, who are making the jaunt to Joplin from Kirksville, hold the series edge over the Lions at 11-4, including wins in the universities' last five consecutive meetings. Since it is Homecoming week for the Lions, it all adds up to a big game atmosphere. With Homecoming Saturday, the Lions are hoping the festive atmosphere will help raise their spirits. "Homecoming is always an exciting time," Cooke said. "It means so many different things to so many different people." "I have always loved Homecoming," said Rob Green, offensive coordinator. "The band sounds louder, the cheers sound louder, and it's always a neat time." Even the players are excited to be back at home and with the crowd



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Offensive coordinator Rob Green prepares Missouri Southern football players for the upcoming Homecoming game against Truman State University. behind them in a game. "When you are 1-4, you need all of the encouragement that you can get," said senior offensive lineman Dustin Drake. The Lions must be careful. After Homecoming, Southern will face off against MIAA powerhouse Northwest Missouri State University and then against archrival Pittsburg State University in the Miner's Bowl. With this in mind, the players can't overlook the Bulldogs. "At this point we can't overlook anybody," Drake said. "We can't even afford to overlook Joplin Middle School." Kickoff is set for 2 p.m. on Saturday at Hughes Stadium.

Women's soccer looks to break losing streak

By PHILIP MARTIN
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Missouri Southern's women soccer team is looking to break a three game losing streak. Starting with a 0-0 tie against Northwest Missouri State University Oct. 1, the Lions have fallen in the past two games, 0-3 against Southwest Baptist University and 1-5 against Truman State University. The lone Southern score against TSU was by junior forward Tera Reisner off an assist by Kaysie Griffin. Southern made 11 saves in the game and made four shots on goal during the game. TSU made 16 shots on goal with three saves. Trevor Wachsman, head women's soccer coach, said the team didn't play to its potential. "We're a better team than we've shown in those games," Wachsman said. "That's frustrating for the team and everybody."

"We're a better team than we've shown in those games."

Trevor Wachsman
Head Women's Soccer Coach

Wachsman remains positive that the team will turn the season around and win the next couple of games. He said there are plenty of games left in the season to help turn the season around. "We need to stay positive as a group, be there for each other, work for each other and also work hard," Wachsman said. "It's maintaining that [positive atti-

tude] and knowing we are better. We need to go out and show that." Jessie Noid, senior defender, said the team has been learning from the mistakes made during the last three games. "We need to start winning, again," Noid said. "We need to get another win, because I think it will build up confidence and get some momentum going." She said the trouble with the team members is not whether or not they have a positive attitude, but that the players are wearing out. The next game for the Lions is Oct. 10 against Emporia State University at Emporia. Wachsman said Emporia has lost on the road but is undefeated at home. ESU holds the Division II conference record for attendance at a women's soccer game. The Hornets have an overall record of 3-6 and a conference record of 2-3. "It will be our first time playing them; they'll be a decent team," Noid said.

Rudy still greatest sport film of all time

It is time to do some revising to the "greatest sports movies of all time" list. Last year Eric Scott, former assistant sports editor, and myself wrote a list of what we considered being the greatest sports movies. Since I disagreed with some of Eric's choices, and since he is no longer at this University, I can get away with changing this list. No. 10 last year was *Tin Cup*, I'm sorry but this should not have been on the list. It is horrible. My replacement for the movie is a strong drama about boxing: *Requiem for a Heavyweight*. It's far superior than the Kevin Costner headed *Tin Cup*. The rule for any Costner movie is that it is always a chick flick. *Requiem for a Heavyweight* is a movie that can be enjoyed by anyone. No. 9 was *Kingpin*. I would like to change this to *The Natural*. Nothing can beat the scene where Roy Hobbs hammers the baseball into the lights and sparks start flying. That has to be one of my favorite scenes in any sports movie, but that is another list altogether. Don't get me wrong. *Kingpin* is a great comedic sports movie, but it does not belong on this list. I have a slight problem. I would love to include *The Sandlot* at No. 8 but I cannot rule out *Eight Men Out*. *Eight Men Out* is one of the greatest movies about a sports scandal. I love *The Sandlot*, but there is no way I will allow that movie instead of *Eight Men Out*. If anyone has seen this movie, they would understand. So now, No. 8 is now *Eight Men Out*. No. 7 last year was *Pride of the Yankees* and it will stay that way. No. 6 was *The Hurricane* and that will stay the same. *Pride of the Yankees* and *The Hurricane* are strong true life stories that cannot be overshadowed by any movie. This brings us to No. 5 on the list. There was a bit of controversy here between Eric and myself, and in fact, with a lot of people who read the list last year. I truly believe that *Rocky* should not be on this list. I don't care what any of you think. I don't even care if it is the only movie Sylvester Stallone did that has any artistic integrity. The plain and simple truth of the matter is, I don't like this movie. To replace *Rocky*, I have chosen the only Costner movie that is not a chick flick: *Field of Dreams*. There are a number of great scenes in this movie, like the one where Costner plays catch with his dad at the end of the film. *Field of Dreams* is one of those heartwarming movies that gave us the influential line "If you build it, they will come." Since there was a tie for fifth position last year, there was no fourth spot, but after seeing *Seabiscuit*, there is now a fourth greatest movie. I love horse racing. I don't gamble or anything, but I love to watch horse racing. There is nothing like watching a 5-2, 110 lb. guy straddling a horse that can reach speeds exceeding 40 mph. The movie had the most real horse racing scenes any movie has to offer. The scenes are as close to watching the real thing; it doesn't get any better than this movie. Well, that's it besides the top three movies from last year. They remain the same. For those of you have not seen this list, the top three movies include: *Remember the Titans*, *Hoosiers* and the best sports movie of all time is *Rudy*. Coming in a distant honorable mention at position 8,463: *Solarbabies*. That one is for you, Josh Ray. Philip Martin is the Sports Editor for The Chart. His opinions are his own and don't necessarily reflect those of the entire staff.



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Brandon Miller takes notes in his English class. He carries his computer around campus to work on class assignments.

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“The world is just filled with so much color, and I can’t see it.”

BRANDON:

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“They were trying to prepare me for the worst,” Cindy said. “I was so scared. I didn’t know what to expect.”

When Cindy and her husband Randy received the call to pick Brandon up from the hospital, the last thing they expected was more bad news. Right before they signed the release papers, doctors told the new parents their son was blind.

“We were in a state of shock,” Cindy said. “I wanted to be away from everyone else.”

Brandon was diagnosed with retrolental fibroplasia. In its simplest form, RLF stands for detached retinas.

It meant Brandon would never see the light of day — ever. Cindy and Randy were referred to an eye surgeon in Memphis. However, the surgery did little to improve his chances of ever seeing. An early surgery left scarring on Brandon’s lenses, which is still visible today. After all the disappointment in failed surgeries, his parents finally accepted Brandon’s blindness.

“I just was ready to take Brandon home,” Cindy said.

Acceptance

Growing up with his family was a challenge. Brandon didn’t understand why he continually kept walking into the walls of their Carthage home. Brandon wondered why his parents and brother Tyler always stayed clear of the walls, but he always found them.

“You need to watch where you’re going,” his parents always said. “One of these days you’re going to run down one of these walls.”

At age 3, Brandon remembers, is when he realized his eyes weren’t working the same way his family’s eyes did. They saw television shows and described colors and shapes. It was never anything Brandon saw.

“After a while, I started thinking something was wrong with my eyes,” Brandon said.

In preschool he found refuge with building blocks. The blocks came natural to him and didn’t require vision. His small hands would grip the blocks, and it was only in the back of his mind where he had the slightest idea of what he was building.

Teachers helped Brandon learn the basics by word association. Fire is red. Grass is green. He didn’t know what red and green looked like, but he knew that’s what his peers saw. At Fairview Elementary in Carthage, Brandon stood on the sidelines as other children played sports. Those who weren’t afraid of sitting close to him often forgot about his blindness: “Hey, did you see that shot?”

Brandon never bottled up anger toward other students at his school. He realized some of them just didn’t understand what was wrong with him.

“Kids are kids,” he said. “They would look at my eyes, and at that young age, kids don’t want to understand this person has a disability.”

While Brandon continued to embrace his friends and disregard those who never gave him a chance, his parents were fighting their own battle with the Carthage school district. Cindy said board members weren’t ready to accept a legally blind student in their classrooms.

“I wasn’t going to send him away to a blind school,” Cindy said.

Several school board meetings were held to distinguish what factors Brandon had to meet in



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From left, Brandon Miller, Tyler Miller and family friend Blake Farmer watch TV at the Miller home.

order for the school to let him attend class.

“They were looking for any reason not to educate him,” she said.

The Millers won the battle against the school district. By law, it had to be able to provide proper education for all students, including Brandon.

“It was a fight,” she said. “But, we won.”

As Brandon’s parents took care of his right to an education, he was always working at gaining acceptance. At a fifth grade talent show, Brandon said, is when his life started turning around. The Fairview Elementary student went in front of his peers looking for his shining moment.

He played “The Entertainer” by Scott Joplin on the piano.

For those few moments under the bright lights, Brandon was on his own. The notes were strong and on key. The song was perfect for the occasion.

“It’s a happy, bright and uplifting song,” Brandon said. “I wanted to come across as being a happy person.”

When it was over, Brandon could hear the excitement in the audience. The emotion was felt throughout his body. He finally made it.

“The audience accepted me,” Brandon said.

Life at School

Brandon understands just how lucky he is. As hard as it was for his parents to accept his blindness, it was what they had to do. Cindy and Randy could have easily sent Brandon to a blind school in St. Louis, but knew their son would have missed out on a worthwhile childhood.

In the middle of the tour at the St. Louis blind school, Cindy and Randy knew it wasn’t for Brandon and left when they saw severely mentally challenged children. Brandon, despite being born three months premature, only has blindness to tackle in life. In every other way, he’s as smart as they come.

“I knew the school wasn’t for him,” Cindy said.

As positive of an outlook Brandon has always had, it’s not to say he didn’t face many hardships throughout high school. There were more than a handful of physical fights. Most times it was out of frustration when Brandon would hear snickering in the background.

“I don’t know how you’re expected to do geometry,” one student said in Brandon’s geometry class.

For a majority of the skirmishes, Brandon kept

his cool. But for many, the pressure to stand up for himself grew too strong, and he fought back. Some fights he won, others he lost. When Brandon would come home for the day with a fight under his belt, his parents were always disappointed.

“You both will have Band-Aids on and both look funny,” Brandon’s father, Randy, would say after a fight. “Fights don’t solve anything.”

Throughout junior high and high school, Brandon was given the opportunity to work with a laptop computer. Instead of enduring the long and lengthy process of translating all of Brandon’s work from Braille, the computer let him type and complete assignments just like other students were working on.

“It allowed me to be a regular student,” Brandon said. “It gave me a lot more freedom.”

As a young adult, Brandon has matured. He’s accepted the fact that most likely he will never see. Brandon will never know the faces of his friends and family. Even the simplest of things, such as homework, are only but a mystery. He’s a straight “A” student, but has never once seen what the letter looks like on top of one of his term papers.

But it’s OK for Brandon.

He knows in order to make use of himself in the world, he has to accomplish everything on his own. Even asking for directions or needing assistance to cross a street bothers him.

“It’s not fair for me to ask the sighted world to adapt to me,” Brandon said.

That attitude has given Brandon the opportunity to complete 13 years of public education. It was never easy, but he proved everyone wrong that he belonged in the classroom along with his peers. When it came time to graduate from Carthage High School, Brandon finally stopped thinking about others and thought about himself for a change.

“It was just another one of those moments of accomplishments for me,” Brandon said. “I was hoping some people would take notice.”

They did.

A Southern Home

It was an easy decision to apply to Southern. It was local, the education was good and the cost of financing an education at Southern wasn’t too bad either.

“I knew it was a well-rounded school,” Brandon said.

Making the transition from high school to Southern has been steady. Brandon continues to learn the nooks and crannies of the campus. His walking cane helps, but it’s the day-after-day walking which helps familiarize himself with the campus.

The instructors, Brandon says, are more than willing to help him. They’ve treated Brandon as an equal, which he appreciates. Socially, college life has been a positive experience.

“I have a lot more freedom here,” Brandon said.

Students have been more than friendly. When Brandon waits outside for his ride, some students have come up to him and asked if he needs help getting around.

A psychology major, Brandon hopes to graduate from Southern and possibly transfer to Southwest Missouri State University to attain a master’s degree. He’s hoping to become a counselor or find something similar in that line of work.

“I just can’t see myself in an office pushing papers or crunching numbers all day,” Brandon said. “It’s not enough exposure to the world and life for me.”

A Lesson of Life

While Brandon Miller may never see, it’s his persistence and personality that has kept his life worth living. He admits it though. He often times finds himself angry and frustrated. He wants to see.

“The world is just filled with so much color, and I can’t see it,” Brandon said. “It would just be nice to see a rolling hill in the fall or the rivers in the spring.”

Brandon hopes that college life will be everything he hopes it will be. He wonders if people in the world will start looking at him and not his blindness.

“You can approach blind people and talk with them just like anyone else,” Brandon said. “People need to get over the fear and make an effort.”

With impressive medical technology consistently changing, there might be hope someday.

But in the mean time, he’s just focused on being Brandon Miller.

“Well, I’m blind, but that’s OK,” Brandon said. “I can deal with this.”



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Randy Miller, Brandon Miller’s father, guides Brandon while on a walk. Brandon has been blind since birth.